

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 are pending in the application. Claims 28-35 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1-35 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

The Examiner states that restriction to one of the following is required under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I: Claims 1-27, classified in Class 370, Subclass 334; or

Group II: Claims 28-35, classified in Class 370, Subclass 318.

In response, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, containing Claims 1-27, for examination on the merits. Applicants also reserve the right to file a divisional application to the non-elected claims.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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